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intensity of the cold war might have cooled somewhat during a pause in weapon development. Personally I doubt it, but in that skepticism lies a melancholy recognition that the dynamic of arms races may not be wholly subject to man's logical control. York has more faith in his fellows than others of us do, and he poses a question which we doubters must face: In the end, as weapons provide us the capability for

Clausewitzian absolute war, is there any substitute for logic in its employment? York's strange little book provides no answer, just some discouraging evidence that in the beginning of this era, logic was overcome by other, less attractive, forms of reason.

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## RECENT BOOKS

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Barger, Thomas C. *Arab States of the Persian Gulf*. Newark: University of Delaware. College of Marine Studies. Center for the Study of Marine Policy, 1975. 93pp. \$3.50

The former President, then Chairman of the Board of Aramco is the author of this monograph which briefly surveys the land and the people of the Arab States on the Persian Gulf, traces the course of petroleum production and pricing policies, reports on the OPEC and the oil embargoes, and offers some conclusions on the future of energy policy and its worldwide effects.

Bayes, Thomas. *Facsimiles of Two Papers by Bayes*. New York: Hafner, 1963, c. 1940. 66pp. \$5.95

The Reverend Thomas Bayes' 1761 essay on the theory and application of probability is a mathematics classic. It is reproduced here in its 1763 published form, complete with printer's errors and original spelling. The second paper is Bayes' note on the summation of divergent series.

Beier, Ernst G. and Valens, Evans G. *People-Reading; How We Control Others, How They Control Us*. New York: Stein and Day, 1975. 228pp. \$8.95

Endeavoring to understand why people behave as they do and what kind of information must be sought and employed to change behavior, the authors investigate many examples from the spectrum of human behavior patterns, identifying them as the individual's conscious or unconscious communication, often used to gain control over others. In each case it is suggested how change can be effected.

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Belfield, Eversley. *The Boer War*. Hamden, Conn.: Archon, 1975. 181pp. \$12.50

Bridging two centuries, the Boer War marked a turning point in the history of modern warfare. Belfield demonstrates how this conventional 19th century conflict gave way to a guerrilla war, foreshadowing a pattern of combat prevalent now. His concise, illustrated account includes relevant statistics, maps, and orders of battle.

Blumberg, Phillip I. *The Megacorporation in American Society: the Scope of Corporate Power*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1975. 188pp. \$9.95

Extremely large public corporations, or megacorporations, are a very significant political and social power in American society. Blumberg outlines their scope, their concentration of financial power, and their potential emergence as the controlling force in financial institutions.

Bullard, Anthony R. *Harry S. Truman and the Separation of Powers in Foreign Affairs*. Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Microfilms, 1975, c. 1973. 315pp.

This dissertation on the separation of powers doctrine focuses upon the roles of the judicial, executive, and legislative branches in the formulation of foreign policy during Truman's administration. Specific case studies, such as Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur and his experiences in controlling military budgeting and strategy in peacetime, are presented.

Carter, Barry J. *Naval War Games; World War I and World War II*. New York: Arco, 1975. 140pp. \$10.00

For the devotee of a sophisticated hobby this book offers a sprightly guide to the many factors that are basic to the pursuit of naval war-gaming: the models, where to obtain them and how to build them; various rules, as applied to World War I and World War II situations; suggested readings on the subject; and the alternate system of commercial board games. Notes, appendix, and bibliography are provided.

Clyde, Paul H. and Beers, Burton F. *The Far East; a History of Western Impacts and Eastern Responses, 1830-1975*. 6th ed. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1975. 545pp. \$13.95

Extensive updating and revision mark this sixth edition of an introductory history of East Asia and its relations with the West over the past century and a half. Further reading suggestions follow each chapter.

Cushing, D.H. *Marine Ecology and Fisheries*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1975. 278pp. \$27.50; paper \$9.95

The interrelated disciplines of fisheries biology and marine ecology are involved in this study of fish population and marine ecosystems, wherein the problems of population stability are common to both fields and would benefit from an interchange of information and research methods between the two sciences.

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Davis, Jacqueline K., et al. *SALT II and the Search for Strategic Equivalence*. Philadelphia: Foreign Policy Research Institute, 1975. 70pp. \$4.00

This monograph analyzes each of the major military, technological, and political issues related to the SALT II agreement in view of past negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union, and future developments. The implications of alternative approaches to achieving strategic equivalence are examined in light of the actual accord.

Dickens, Peter. *Night Action: MTB Flotilla War*. London: Peter Davies, 1974. 242pp. £4.50

Captain Dickens recounts his experiences as senior officer of a motor torpedo-boat (MTB) flotilla which operated off the Dutch coast between 1942 and 1944. His first person narrative, based on relevant documents as well as recollections, describes the aggressive tactics of the small, fast MTB's which eventually forced the Germans to sail their iron ore convoys by day, thus making them more vulnerable to air attack.

Duffy, Christopher. *Fire and Stone: the Science of Fortress Warfare 1660-1860*. Newton Abbot, Eng.: David & Charles, 1975. 207pp. \$17.50

In this illustrated history of the design, construction, and tactical employment of fortresses from the mid-17th to the 19th centuries, Duffy traces theories of siege warfare which developed through the ages; describes the tactics used in the sieges at Namur, Antwerp, and Algiers; and explores the effect of fortresses and siege warfare on the architectural and cultural growth of cities.

Edmunds, Lowell. *Chance and Intelligence in Thucydides*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1975. 243pp. \$11.00

Origins of Western thought and terminology are the concerns of this study of the antithesis of chance and intelligence, in which the author analyzes the occurrences of *techné* and *gnome* (perception, foresight, technical competence) and *tyche* (chance) as antithetical concepts in Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian Wars*.

First, Ruth. *Libya: the Elusive Revolution*. New York: Africana, 1975. 294pp. \$12.95

The goals of Libya's Revolutionary Command Council, which seized power in 1969, are twofold: to achieve Arab unity and to construct an Islamic socialist society. Within the context of these objectives, this book examines the revolutionary government, using historical, political, and economic perspectives.

Ginsburgs, George. *Soviet Works on Korea 1945-1970: Prepared for the Joint Committee on Korean Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council*. Los Angeles: University of Southern California Press, 1973. 179pp. \$9.50; paper \$6.50

Over 1,100 dissertations, periodical articles, and books on Korea are included in this bibliography. Entries are taken from such fields as military science, international relations, and literature. Arrangement is by broad subject areas, with an author index. An introductory essay which analyzes Soviet research

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and publications on Korea from 1945 to 1970 comprises about a third of the book.

Halperin, Morton H. *National Security Policy Making*. Lexington, Mass.: Lexington Books, 1975. 191pp. \$12.00

Halperin unravels the decisionmaking processes within the State and Defense Departments in this study of the divergence of bureaucratic interests involved in the formulation of national security policy. It is shown that officials often view national interests from a narrow departmental perspective that leads to specific policies, sometimes yielding unforeseen results.

Hedin, Sven. *Chiang Kai-shek: Marshal of China*. New York: De Capo, 1975, c. 1940. 290pp. \$17.50

This tribute to Chiang Kai-shek and Mme. Chiang, originally published in 1940 while Chiang was leading the Chinese armed forces in the Sino-Japanese War, concentrates on his career after the death of Sun Yat-sen and emphasizes the heroism of both Chiang and his wife.

Herm, Gerhard. *The Phoenicians; the Purple Empire of the Ancient World*. New York: Morrow, 1975. 288pp. \$8.95

Mythology, the Bible, and classical Greek and Roman historians provide sources for this spirited, popular-style chronicle of the rise and influence of the seafaring Phoenician nation which developed in Lebanon and established trade and trading colonies throughout the Mediterranean and beyond in the pre-Christian era. Notable are the military and naval exploits of the Phoenicians and their colony-empire of Carthage, climaxing in the Punic Wars and Rome's total destruction of this North African power.

Kiernan, Thomas. *The Arabs: Their History, Aims and Challenge to the Industrialized World*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1975. 449pp. \$12.50

Bankers, heads of state, Bedouins, and intellectuals are among the many Arabs Kiernan interviewed in this very personal account of the history and character of the Arabic people. Alternating chapters from a journal with chapters on history, he emphasizes the Arab-Israeli conflict; the roles of the superpowers in Middle Eastern affairs; and the reemergence of Arab pride and power.

Newlon, Daniel H. and Breckner, Norman V. *The Oil Security System: an Import Strategy for Achieving Oil Security and Reducing Oil Prices*. Lexington, Mass.: Heath, 1975. 112pp. \$9.50

An expansion of a CNA study on the Oil Security System that permits free entrance of imports which are backed by adequate privately owned emergency oil supplies. This policy and its ramifications are discussed and its operation and feasibility are assessed. The final chapter addresses criticisms and questions that have been posed regarding the OSS.

Palit, D.K. *Return to Sinai: the Arab Offensive, October 1973*. New Delhi: Palit & Palit, 1974. 172pp. \$10.00

Palit, a distinguished Indian officer with many years' experience in Arab military affairs, delineates the conduct of the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war from the initial preparations of each side to the final cease-fire. He also

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reviews the strategic, tactical, and political implications of the war. Maps, battle plans, and photographs supplement the text.

Prescott, John R.V. *The Political Geography of the Oceans*. New York: Wiley, 1975. 247pp. \$13.95

The political, strategic, and legal aspects of the global waters are examined in chapters on the territorial sea, fishing and fishery conservation zones, the continental shelves, and the high seas and the seabed; informative tables and figures appear throughout. The student of maritime law will find this volume a valuable supplement to the standard texts.

Oayyum, Shah A. *Egypt Reborn; a Study of Egypt's Freedom Movement, 1945-52*. Ram Nagar, New Delhi: Chand, 1973. 313pp. \$14.00

Written from an Egyptian perspective, this volume investigates a pivotal period in Egyptian history when the country's efforts to free herself of colonial ties culminated in the 1952 removal of King Farouk and the establishment of a revolutionary regime under Nasser, and in the 1954 Suez Canal Evacuation Agreement providing for British withdrawal from Egypt.

Saxena, K.M.L. *The Military System of India (1850-1900)*. Columbia, Mo.: South Asia Books, 1974. 292pp. \$12.50

A study of India's military system as it evolved through mutual consultation between England and India in the last half of the 19th century, when the Mutiny of 1857 occurred, the Peel Commission and the Eden Commission instituted far-reaching reforms, and the armies of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay were united into a single army under one commander in chief.

Shapiro, Martin and Tresolini, Rocco J. *American Constitutional Law*. New York: Macmillan, 1975. 779pp. \$13.95

This textbook presents a wide spectrum of historical and contemporary Supreme Court cases, tracing the ongoing evolution of constitutional doctrine. Areas of law represented are "Institutional Aspects," "Economic Regulation in a Federal System," and "Political and Civil Rights." Appendixes include a copy of the Constitution, a biographical listing of Supreme Court justices, and a bibliography of selected readings.

Stockfish, Jacob A. *Models, Data, and War: a Critique of the Study of Conventional Forces*. Santa Monica, Calif.: Rand, 1975. 137pp. \$7.00

This survey of the conceptual and empirical foundations of combat models, which are used to simulate phases of conventional war, contends that major deficiencies exist both in their structure and in their data inputs. Emphasis is given to ways to improve analysis of combat operations by appropriate operational testing or field experimentation.

Szaluta, Jacques. *Marshal Pétain between Two Wars, 1918-1940: the Interplay of Personality and Circumstance*. Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Microfilms, 1975, c. 1972. 344pp.

The course of action and resultant fate of Marshal Philippe Pétain, revered French hero of World War I and "traitor" of World War II, are interpreted as the outcome of an interaction between the elements of his own personal character and the world events of the interwar period.

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United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, 3d. Geneva, 1975.  
Washington: Nautilus Press, 1975. 587pp.

This volume contains reproductions, some of which have been shortened, of the original documents of the Third United Nations Law of the Sea Conference, held in Geneva in the spring of 1975. Background information on the first and second conferences is also included.

United States. Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service. *Ocean Manganese Nodules*. Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1975. 203pp.  
No price given in *Monthly Catalog*; distributed by issuing office.

The ocean floor teems with manganese nodules, sources of vital metals requiring importation by the United States. This report treats their composition, formation, and location; problems and effects of mining them; the mining interests and economics involved; U.S. and foreign interest evidenced; U.S. and UN legislative concern over the impact on uses of the seabed and its resources; and such international factors as cartels, Law of the Sea Conferences, and treaty implications.

Woods Hole, Mass. Oceanographic Institution. *Marine Fouling and Its Prevention; Prepared for Bureau of Ships, Navy Dept.* Annapolis: U.S. Naval Institute, 1967, c. 1952. 388pp. \$12.00

Fouling, caused by the growth of animals and plants on the surface of submerged objects, interferes with their proper functioning by enlarging or roughening their surfaces. This monograph surveys the effects of fouling, particularly the problem of ship resistance; the biological characteristics of the principal fouling organisms; and the various methods used to prevent fouling.

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